Protests Against India-Pakistan Cricket Match

188. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minsiter of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were a series of protests against hosting of cricket match between India and Pakistan by activists of Shiv Sena throughout the country by damaging the pitch in Delhi, attacking the office of Board of Central for Cricket in India (BCCI) in Mumbai, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Shiv sena had been opposing the tour of the Pakistani Cricket Team to India and had threatened to prevent/ disrupt the Indo-Pak Cricket matches to be played in different parts of India. Government of India sent advisories in the concerned State Governments to ensure that all necessary arrangements were made to maintain law and order during the Pakistan team's programme throughout its tour of India. However, the Shiv Sena called off its protest before the beginning of the matches.

Fencing of Border between Tripura and Bangladesh

189. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for fencing the entire stretegic border between Bangladesh and Tripura;

(b) if so, by when the work would commence; and

(c) by when Government intend to complete the entire fencing work?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Fencing of the entire strategic border between Tripura and bangladesh is being considered as part of a comprehensive proposal for additional works to be taken up along the Indo-Bangladesh border. Detailed estimates regarding the cost and time-schedule for completion of such additional works are under preparation. It is not possible at this stage to indicate when the fencing works would commence or be completed.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासी युवतियों पर अत्याचार

190. **श्री रूपा शंकर कौशिक:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में महिलाओं, विशेष-कर आदिवासी युवतियों पर अत्याचार, बलात्कार आदि की घटनाओं में अत्यधिक वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले चार माह के दौरान आदिवासी युवतियों, महिलाओं पर अत्याचारों की कितनी घटनाएं हुई हैं;

(ग) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने ऐसी घटनाओं को तत्काल प्रभाव से रोकने, आदिवासी युवतियों,महिलाओं की सुरक्षा प्रदान करने तथा दोषियों के विरुद्ध सख्त कार्रवाई करने हेतु राज्य सरकार को कोई निर्देश दिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके अब तक क्या परिणाम रहे हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Fifth Inter-State Council Meeting

191. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fifth meeting of the Inter-State Council was held on 22nd January, 1999 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed therein and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the follow up action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following Agenda items were discussed in the meeting:—

(i) Sarkaria Commission Report, Chapter VI-emergency Provisions; Recommendation for Amendment to Article 356 of the Constitution and other related Recommendations;

(ii) Guidelines for identifying and selection of issues and the procedure for conduct of business of the Council and its Committees;

(iii) Chapter-XI Economic and Social Planning;

(iv) Implementation Report on decisions of Inter-State Council on the Recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. In the discussions there was no unanimity over articles 355 and 356 of the Constitution of India. However, the matter continues to be debated in a sub-committee set up by the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council.

The Recommendations of the Inter-State Council will be communicated to the Union Ministries and the State Governments concerned for follow up action.

Illegall Bangladeshis in India

192. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special task force has reported presence of one crore and eighty lakh illegal Bangladeshi migrants settled in India, out of which 1.20 crores are in West Bengal alone;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) what action is being taken/has been taken to repatriate those illegal settlers from the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) It is difficult to make any exact estimate of the number of illegal immigrants from bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and lingustic similarities.

(c) A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These include raising of additional Battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipment etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been directed to enforce the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 (IMDT Act 1983 in case of Assam) strictly.

Issuing of Citizens' Cards

193. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for issuing Citizens' cards for the entire population of the country;

(b) if so, the purpose, modalities and the probable date of issue; and